



Mid-Ohio Foodbank



Purpose

OSU's commitment in responding to food security through farming/environment, health/nutrition, business/entrepreneurship & policy directly parallels with the Foodbank's strategic direction to "feed the line" and "end the line." Our vision to collaborate with others and mobilize the public to build hunger-free, healthier communities is being realized based on how we are organizing ourselves and our work in urban farming, implementing our Food is Health strategy, sustaining our new social enterprise assets and in advocating for sound public policy particularly around sustainable wages.

Impact

FARMING: Established as a separate LLC, Urban Farms of Central Ohio farmed 3 of 10 acres, which resulted in nearly 15 tons of fresh produce to feed about 900 hungry families/2,400 individuals.

FOOD IS HEALTH: In a recent survey of 1,000 clients receiving food at a Foodbank produce market, 94% reported increasing their fruit and vegetable consumption by about 2.5 cups per day.

BUSINESS/ENTREPRENEURSHIP: The South Side Roots at the Reeb Avenue Center - a pay-how-you-can structured Café and a fresh foods' Market at a fraction of grocery store prices - was launched in Sept. 2015. The on-site Kitchen served 15,137 kids' meals and 130 individuals per week at free community meals.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
Food Innovation Center
Kirwan Institute
College of Social Work
OSU Extension
College of Medicine
John Glenn College of Public Affairs

Community Partners Involved

Federal, State, Local governments
Executive and Legislative branches
Business leaders/corporate organizations
Non-Profit leaders
Human/Social service organizations
Health organizations
Farm Bureaus
Education entities

How you can get involved:

- **Volunteer:** From sorting and packing groceries to donating time at South Side Roots, working the Farms, managing special events or serving on a committee, there are countless ways to help feed our hungry neighbors
- **Donate:** Provide a tax-deductible, financial donation to support Mid-Ohio Foodbank's efforts, coordinate a local food drive to help stock the shelves of local food pantries or grow a row.
- **Advocate:** Join the #fresh revolution by signing up for the Foodbank Advocacy Network (FAN) to stay informed and contact your elected officials to help create the political will to end hunger.

To get involved, contact:

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